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Washington D.C. 20231

In re application of:

MURRAY E. STANLEY, JR.

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For: COMBINATION WARNING FLAG  
AND STORAGE BAG

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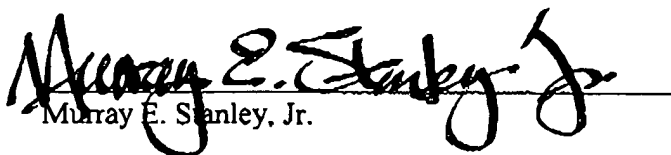
**DECLARATION OF MURRAY E. STANLEY, JR.**

I, MURRAY E. STANLEY, JR. am the applicant and inventor in the above-captioned application. I have first hand knowledge of the facts surrounding the prosecution of this application. In 1994 I contacted Mr. Dennis H. Lambert and Associates in Burke, VA, (hereinafter "Lambert") to prepare and file for me a patent application on my bungee bag which became the above-captioned patent application. I paid approximately \$10,000.00 at that time to Lambert and believed that my patent had been approved. Thereafter, there has been a disconnect between Lambert and myself. At the time the first Response was submitted in October 1995, I believed that the patent was going through a revision process. I thereafter lost contact with Lambert. It was my understanding, at that time and for the time thereafter until October 2003, that a patent had been secured and that only changes to the patent were being made. I remained unaware of the actual application process and the actual status of the application. At the time I was living in California and Lambert was located in Washington, D.C.

On or about October 2003, contact was made with my current attorneys of record,

Charmasson, Buchaca & Leach, LLP (hereinafter "CBL") formerly Charmasson & Buchaca and at that time I learned that I did not have a patent and that the application had likely become abandoned. Over the next few months I tried to determine the application status and my options regarding the application. Around November 2003 an attempt was made to obtain records from Lambert. In January of 2004, I was forced to obtain a copy of the file wrapper for this application. It is at this time that I first became aware of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 8, 1996. Upon further review of the file wrapper and the facts surrounding the abandonment of the application, it was decided in February of 2004 to proceed with attempting to revive the application. This included the preparation of the first revival petition filed April 16, 2004, formal drawings, and an amendment in response to most recent office action dated November 16, 1995.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
Murray E. Stanley, Jr.

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